Cancellation of agencies in J and K

4749. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies were cancelled in the country in general and J and K in particular during the last three years;

(b) the charges on which these petrol pumps and LPG agencies were cancelled; and

(c) the number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies which have been restored after cancellation during the above period with the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) The year-wise details of Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships cancelled (terminated) in the country and J&K during the last three years are as follows :-

Year	In the Country		J&K	
	Retail Outlets	LPG Distributorships	Retail Outlets	LPG Distributorships
2000-2001	107	14	–	01
2001-2002	122	24	–	01
2002-2003	85	11	01	01
TOTAL :	314	49	01	03

(b) The Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships were cancelled (terminated) due to various reasons *viz.*, malpractices/irregularities, resignation, non performance, benami operation, unauthorized reconstitution, violation of dealership agreement and dishonor of instruments, etc.

(c) 21 Retail Outlets and 2 LPG distributorships have been restored after cancellation during the above period.

Private oil refinery in J and K

4750. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to allow private sectors to set up oil refineries in the country including J and K State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?